

killed; had my hand on his horse when he left for Carthage, and Brother Joseph said; "I am going like a lamb to the slaughter." Brother Graham stood by, asking some counsel from Joseph, to which the Prophet replied: "I cannot give you counsel now; I am going to Heaven before I come back again." If we had been in possession of our guns, we might have offered some protection. Brother Robey spoke in an easy and audible manner, his remarks making quite an impression.

Four of the YMMIA glee club rendered an original selection, "Ho, the Herd Bells are Ringing, & etc." Followed by a violin solo by Miss Sylvia Kennah which was exceedingly well executed. Father Conrad Gertsch favored us with a German song in his own alpine style, entitled "The Chamois Hunter." Brother B. M. Smith and Moroni Blood played a violin duet in the good old style of 40 years ago, which made some of the aged dancers twitch their toes in their shoes. Now as to step dancing, Brother A. J. Alexander can do it to anyone's satisfaction, giving an exhibition of his agility and time on the day and date aforesaid. A selection "Do None Remember Me," was sung by Bishop J. Watkins, Mrs. Watkins, and their daughter Polly, followed by a recitation by Miss Polly, entitled "The Old Man in the Palace Car." The members of the glee club gave one of their best, the "Schwitzers Heimweh" in German. In his interesting speech Brother B. M. Smith said he helped to plow the first furroughs on this side of the river in 1895. Brother E. A. Probst and Sister Maggie Watkins sang "Margherite," their voices blending remarkably well. The aforegiven judgment has since been proven to be entirely proper. Misses Ada Mohlman and Eliza E. Huber sang an original piece, "When the May Breeze Whispers," in which they were accompanied from the guitar by Brother John Huber. After singing the doxology and benediction by Bishop John Watkins, everybody appeared well, satisfied and happy, wishing themselves and all mankind much good. And thus closed the old folks party, at Midway, Utah, on Friday afternoon, April 21st, 1899.

By Request of Committee  
Very Respectfully,  
(s) John Huber

January 1, 1899 James T. Wilson was appointed recorder of speeches at sacrament meeting and Christian Schoney, janitor, at \$50 per year.

June 30, 1901 at a ward conference, Conrad Abegglen, 2nd Counselor, to Bishop John Watkins, was released because of poor health and John Ulrich Buhler was sustained in his place.

December 23, 1902 Bishop John Watkins died and Alvah J. Alexander carried on in his place until a reorganization was effected February 8, 1903.

At a stake quarterly conference held at Heber City February 8, 1903, presided over by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley and the Stake Presidency, the Midway Ward was divided into two wards.



Midway First Ward Sunday School Class of 1905. First row, left to right, Merle Coleman, Cleo Haueter, Matilda Haueter, Pansy Bonner, Eva Bonner, Lethe Coleman, Luella Bonner and Myrtle Watkins. Second row, Jennie Wheable, Lola McCarrell, Carl Haueter, William Haueter, Tracy Smith, Delbert Ross, Mark Nelson, Earl Nelson, Delma Wootton and Mary Remund. Third row, Janet Hair, Pearl Galli, Grace Van Wagoner, Ellen Coleman, Vinnie Coleman, Polly Hair, Della Murri, Leda Smith, Katie Wheable. Teachers were Johnny Murri and Annie Smith.

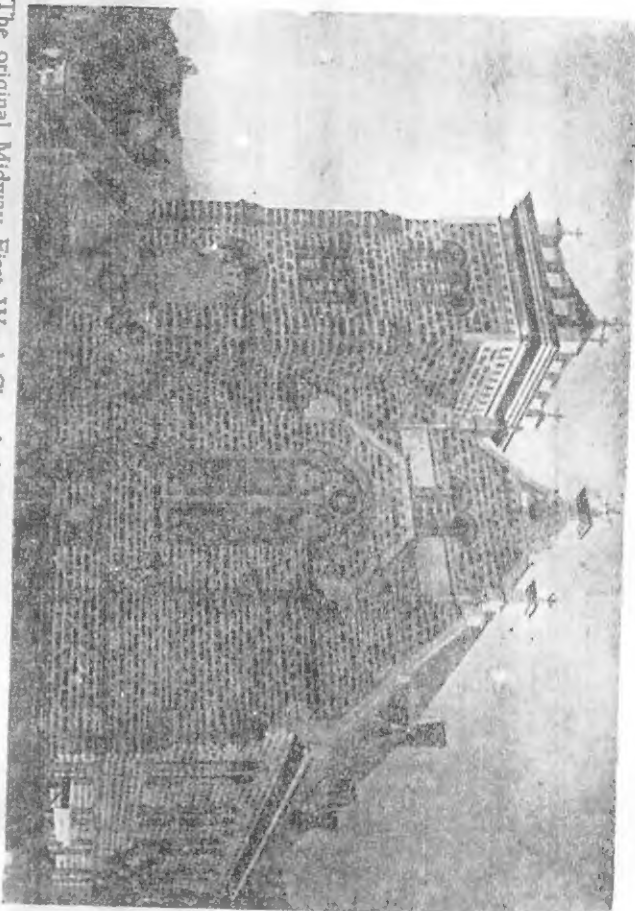
### HISTORY OF MIDWAY FIRST WARD

Midway 1st Ward, Wasatch County, Utah consists of those residing in the east part of Midway, the street running north and south of the public square being the boundary line between the two wards.

At a meeting held in the ward meeting house February 8, 1903 after the quarterly conference at Heber, presided over by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley, Joseph W. Francom was chosen Bishop of the Midway 1st Ward with Attewall Wootton, 1st Counselor, John U. Buhler, 2nd Counselor, and Charles E. Bronson, Ward Clerk.

October 23, 1904 Attewall Wootton was released as 1st Counselor because of his duties in the High Council. John U. Buhler was sustained as 1st Counselor with William L. Van Wagoner, 2nd Counselor.

As the meeting house was located in the Second Ward when the wards were divided, the First Ward held their meetings in the school house. Therefore, it was necessary for a chapel to be erected in their ward. The old meeting house in the Second Ward was valued at \$2,000 and is still, after being remodeled, being used by them. They assisted the First Ward in erecting the new chapel. In 1904 steps were taken toward this project and a site purchased. The corner stones were laid March 15, 1905. It was to be built of native limestone. Rock work



The original Midway First Ward Chapel dedicated in 1914. When the new chapel was built years later this portion was incorporated in the new building.

commenced at the quarry the following day. The building is 38 by 62 ft. by 20 ft. high from the bottom of the basement to the square. A beautiful tower 13 by 13½ ft. built on the front is 51 ft. high. It was completed about 1908 and dedicated February 8, 1914 by President Joseph R. Murdock.

At a special meeting May 7, 1906 attended by Apostles Hyrum M. Smith and Charles W. Penrose, the Midway 1st Ward was reorganized with the following officers:

Henry T. Coleman, Bishop; John U. Buhler, 1st Counselor, and William L. Van Wagoner, 2nd Counselor.

The ward clerks 1903 to 1913 were Charles E. Bronson and Simon Sheldon Epperson.

June 5, 1910 John U. Buhler was released as 1st Counselor and William L. Van Wagoner was sustained as 1st Counselor and William W. Wilson, 2nd Counselor.

At a special conference held October 26, 1913 presided over by Apostle James E. Talmage the ward was reorganized with the following officers:

John Van Wagoner, Bishop, Alfred L. Alder, 1st Counselor, Fredrick Kohler, 2nd Counselor, and James T. Pyper, Clerk.

The ward was reorganized November 28, 1926 with Apostle Richard R. Lyman in attendance. The following officers were sustained:

Clark Bronson, Bishop, William W. Wilson, 1st Counselor, George T. Watkins, 2nd Counselor, and James T. Pyper, Clerk.  
As of December 31, 1931 there were 450 souls in the Midway 1st Ward.

May 17, 1931, the counselors were released and George T. Watkins was sustained as 1st Counselor and Albert Kohler, 2nd Counselor.

February 16, 1936 George T. Watkins and Albert Kohler were released as counselors. George W. Johnson was sustained as 1st Counselor and Keith Coleman, 2nd Counselor.

September 19, 1937 the counselors were released. Keith Coleman became 1st Counselor and Ernest Kuhni, 2nd Counselor. They were set apart by Apostle George Albert Smith.

January 8, 1938 the ward was reorganized with George W. Johnson, Bishop; Charles E. Buhler, 1st Counselor; John H. Joost, 2nd Counselor and Clyde Pyper and Ernest Kuhni, Clerks.

January 16, 1944 the ward was reorganized and Albert Kohler was sustained as Bishop with Ellis Steele, 1st Counselor, Irvin Bowden, 2nd Counselor, and Grant Remund, Clerk.

The chapel was renovated and painted throughout. A new furnace and electric wiring installed and new entrance steps built.  
March 30, 1947 the ward was again reorganized.

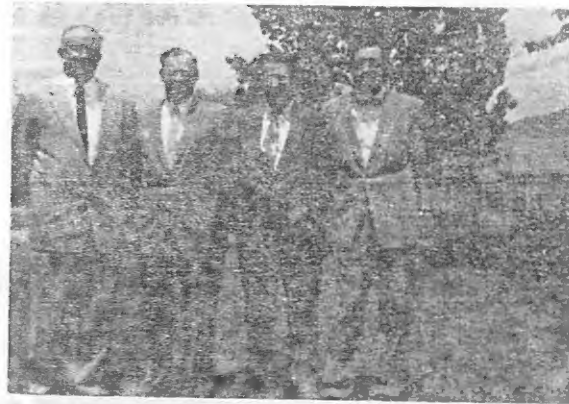
Irvin Bowden was called as Bishop, with Kenneth Michie, 1st Counselor, Clyde Alder, 2nd Counselor, and LaVon Hair, Ward Clerk.

April 24, 1955 at ward conference ward was reorganized and Burton Bronson Van Wagoner became Bishop with Leland Ivers, 1st Counselor, Ray Pyper, 2nd Counselor, and LaVon Hair Clerk.



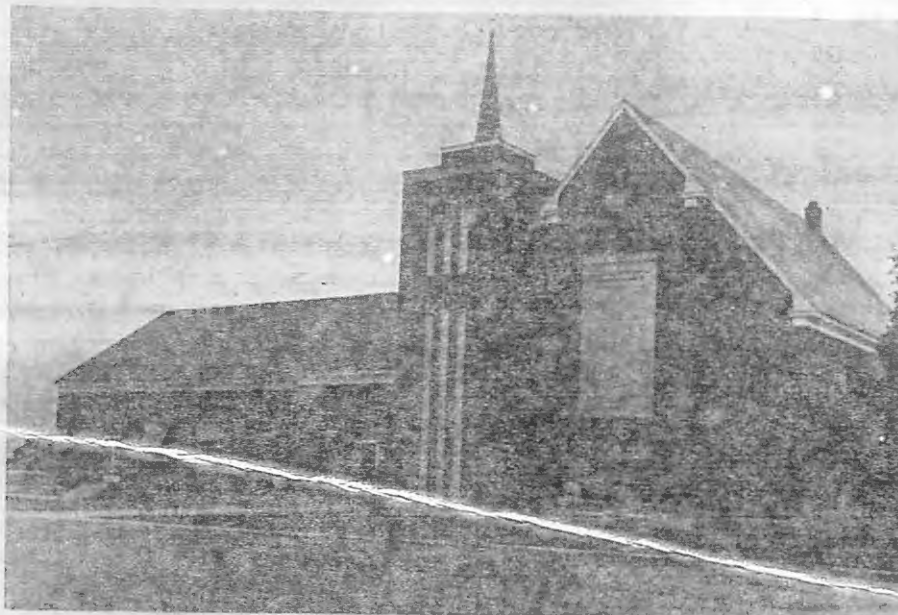
Midway First Ward Bishopric sustained March 30, 1947. Left to right, Clyde Alder, Bishop Irvin Bowden and Kenneth Michie.





Bishopric of the Midway First Ward, sustained April 24, 1955. From left to right, Bishop Burton Van Wagoner, Leland Ivers and Ray Pyper, counselors and LaVon Hair, clerk.

May 1, 1959, a remodeling job was begun on the old chapel, the old building to be used for a recreational hall and classrooms. A new auditorium, Relief Society room, offices, foyer, and other rooms are on the side of the old chapel. The entire structure is faced with red brick. The old tower was removed and a new steeple built according to modern architecture. The cost of the building was \$182,000.



The new Midway First Ward Chapel. Construction began May 1, 1959. The entire old chapel was built into this new structure.

### HISTORY OF MIDWAY 2nd WARD

The Midway Second Ward, Wasatch County, consists of the saints residing in the west part of Midway being separated from the Midway 1st Ward by the street running north and southeast of the public square.

February 8, 1903 at a special evening session presided over by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley, Jacob Probst was chosen Bishop with John A. Fortie, 1st Counselor, George A. Huntington, 2nd Counselor, and John M. Huber, Ward Clerk.

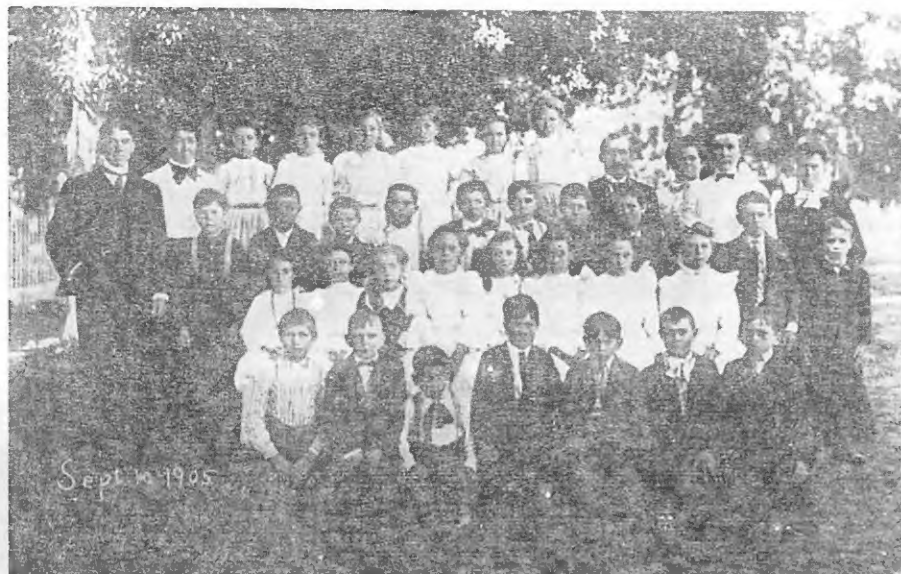
November 20, 1904 John Fortie was released and James B. Wilson chosen in his place December 20, 1904.



A Children's class in the Midway Second Ward Sunday School. Sept. 10, 1905. First row, left to right, Wallburga Besendorfer, Jessie Smith, Retha Murdock, Lora Bronson, Laverna Burgener, Marguerite Alder, Thelma Van Wagoner and Edith Wilson. Second row, Victor Anderson, Wade Krebs, Karl Haney, Fawn Bronson, France Thompson, Francis Probst and Tracy Blood. Third row, Lena Burgener, teacher, Willie Durtschi, Roland Buehler, Carl Anderson, Frank Thompson, Ervin Murdock, Joseph Burgener, Reed Abplanalp, Conrad Boss and Iva Bunnell, teacher.

August 2, 1908 George A. Huntington released and Wilford Van Wagoner sustained in his place.

In 1910 Midway 2nd Ward meetinghouse was partly rebuilt and a two story addition erected and attached to the old meeting house on the rear containing three rooms. The construction of this addition cost the ward \$2500. In 1914-1915 the main building was remodeled at a cost of about \$8,000.



An intermediate class in the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. Front row, left to right, Karl Burgener, Tipton Epperson, Frank Mitchell, Arthur Wilson, Willie Sulser, Francis Buehler, Ephraim Buehler. Second row, Beatrice Alder, Lacey Abplanalp, Zella Van Wagoner, Rachel Provost, Floris Smith, Blanche Thompson, Ida Kohler, Clara Buehler, Parley Probst, Vern Probst. Third row, Walter Buehler, Albert Kohler, Joseph Probst, Sterling Morton, Clarence Probst, Lester Blood, William Mitchel, Joseph Schoney. Fourth row, Joseph Huber and Rosa Hasler, teachers: Ida Boss, Ruby Watkins, Vera Epperson, Christina Besendorfer, Merle Burgener and Frona Krebs. Other teachers: John Burgener, Eliza L. Kohler, Leah Kohler and Ruth O'Niel.

October 28, 1917 at an evening session of stake conference James B. Wilson was released as 1st Counselor and Wilford Van Wagoner was set apart as 1st Counselor with George A. Davis as 2nd Counselor.

October 19, 1924 George A. Davis moved away. His position as 2nd Counselor was filled by Samuel S. Cluff who served until August 19, 1928. On September 30, 1928 Wilford Van Wagoner was released. Frederick Hasler and John N. Carroll were sustained as counselors.

December 31, 1930 numerical value, 372 souls.

Sunday, September 1, 1935, Bishop Jacob Probst after 32 years of efficient service was released. Nephi Probst was made Bishop with Alma Huber and LeRoy Huffaker counselors and Elmer Kohler, Ward Clerk.

Fire broke out in the furnace room in the ward chapel on October 27, 1936 and did considerable damage, but repairs were begun at once and meetings were resumed in the chapel December 6, 1936 with a complete new paint job, a new heating system and other improvements and additions.

September 15, 1937 Nephi Probst was sustained as counselor in the



The adult class of the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. First row, left to right, Amos Epperson, Henry Zenger, Laurence Epperson, Arnold Burgener, David Murdock, Ernest Probst, William Mathews and son Leonard. Second row, Fredrick Hasler, Ulrich Probst, Nephi Huber, Carson O. Smith and Alma Burgener. Third row, Mary (Mayme) Culmer, Bessie Huntington, George Huntington and twins, George Ross and William Rex, Jacob Probst, Acie Provost, Myrtle Abplanalp and Leah Kohler. Fourth row, Clara Durtschi, Ida Sonderegger, Emma Sonderegger, Luella Epperson, Jane (Jennie) Greenwell, Mary Jane Abplanalp, Lunicia Mathews and Lena Keener. Officers and teachers of the Sunday School are also included in this group.

Wasatch Stake Presidency. George A. Huntington and James B. Wilson were released from the High Council. Reed Kohler was sustained as a member of the High Council.

September 26, 1937 the ward was reorganized with Alma Huber, Bishop, LeRoy Huffaker, 1st Counselor, Joseph E. Probst, 2nd Counselor, and Elmer Kohler, Ward Clerk.

During October and November, 1938 changes and improvements were made in the chapel. The floor and walls were painted in the auditorium. Drapes were placed at the windows, carpets in the aisles and the seats were stained and varnished.

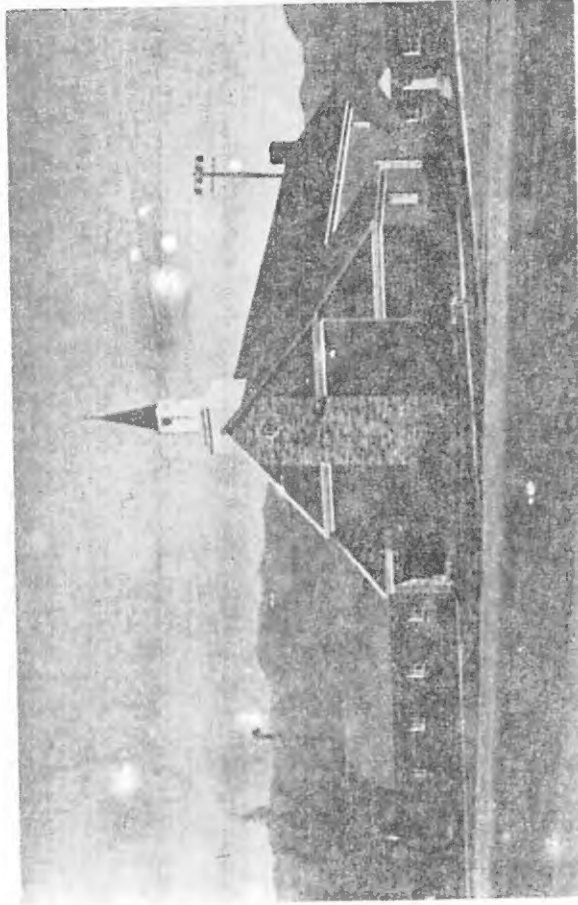
September, 1945 Joseph L. Jorgensen was sustained as Bishop with Elmer Kohler, 1st Counselor, Ray Gertsch, 2nd Counselor, and Wilburn Huffaker, Ward Clerk.

March 9, 1952, the ward was reorganized with Elmer Kohler, Bishop, Ray Gertsch, 1st Counselor, Wilburn Huffaker, 2nd Counselor, and Kay Probst, Ward Clerk.

March 21, 1955 a new chapel was begun by tearing down the back part of the old one and remodeling the front part which was built in



1885, which became the recreation hall of the new chapel, adding many more rooms and improvements. After 16½ months of diligent work—serving of dinners, bazaars, programs, etc.—the building was dedicated July 16, 1956 at a total cost of \$112,500.00. The completion of this great project in so short a time was due to the untiring efforts of Bishop Kohler who worked on the project every day. The unity and support of the people were very commendable and now a beautiful chapel stands as a monument to their efforts.



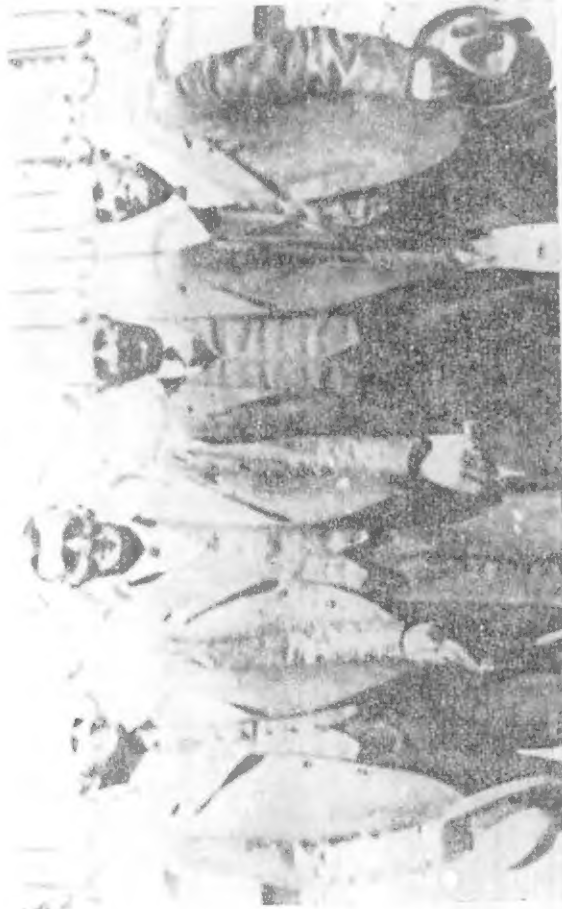
The Midway Second Ward Chapel, which incorporated portions of the original ward building. The remodeled and enlarged structure was completed in 16½ months of work and dedicated July 16, 1956.

### THE WELFARE PROGRAM

About 1898 George Bonner, one of the early settlers decided a building was needed for amusements. Such building was constructed of native rock, had a stage for dramas, plays and concerts. It was heated by two potbellied stoves. It had a very fine floor for dancing. The walls echoed with laughter, and fine times were had dancing the Quadrille, the polka, and waltz. Midway had a good orchestra, and people came from far and near to enjoy the fun.

Later the Church purchased the building from Mr. Bonner, and it was used for amusements under supervision of an Amusement Committee until the erection of the Town Hall.

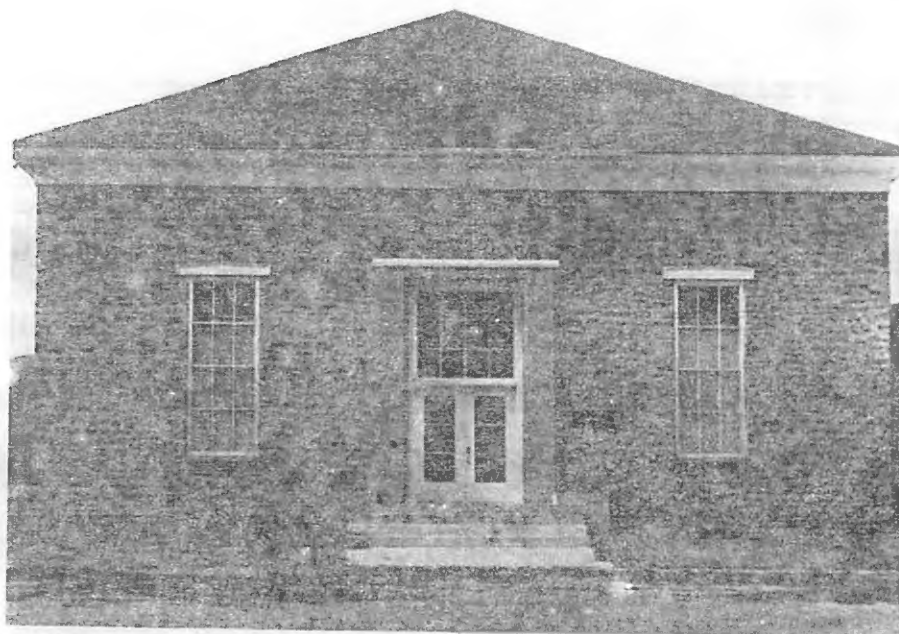
During the depression of the 1930's the leaders of the Church could see the necessity of some kind of a program to help people in times of dire need such as sickness, accident, work stoppage, or strikes, to say



Bishop Jacob Probst left, first bishop of the Midway Second Ward, was sustained February 8, 1903. Counselors and clerk serving with him at the time of his release on Sept. 1, 1935, were Fredrick Hasler, John Carroll and August Kohler.



Midway Second Ward Bishopric presently serving. Kay Probst, ward clerk; Ray Gertsch, first counselor; Bishop Elmer Kohler and Wilburn Huffaker, second counselor.



The Wasatch Stake Welfare Center, where commodities are stored for the Church Welfare Program and where many stake welfare projects such as canning are carried out.

nothing of war or crop failures which might make it impossible to obtain food or clothing. After careful consideration and study, the Welfare Program was outlined by the Church. It is carried on in the wards under the direction of the bishoprics and representatives from the Relief Society and quorums.

Under this plan each family is asked to store enough food and clothing to last a year. The surplus to be stored in a central storage house.

The Stake Presidency and bishoprics of Wasatch County decided to use the old amusement hall which had been idle for several years and use it for canning and a place of storage for Wasatch Stake.

It was therefore renovated to fit the needs of the people, a new heating system was installed along with boilers, etc., for canning purposes and places built for storage. It is equipped and modern in every way to carry out the Lord's plan of Church Welfare.

Wasatch Stake also owns a very modern up-to-date dairy farm. As there is not sufficient hay raised for the number of cows, each ward has to contribute hay and grain. For this reason the Midway First Ward purchased 32 acres of farming ground from Floyd Bonner where their share of hay and grain are produced. The Midway 2nd Ward leases ground each year for the same purpose.

## AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS OF MIDWAY

### THE RELIEF SOCIETY

The first organization of ladies in Midway was formed October 25, 1869 and was known as the Ladies' Industrial Society. Mary Jane Robey Epperson was the president, with Sarah Wood as first counselor and Mary Bonner, second counselor. This group became the first Relief Society organization on January 29, 1870, under the direction of Bishop Abram Hatch.

Chosen as president of the new Relief Society organization was Mary Jane R. Epperson. Counselors were Sarah H. Alexander and Julia Van Wagoner, with Mary Jane Coleman as secretary and Sarah Wood, treasurer. On April 10, 1870 Mrs. Epperson was released and Mary Bronson was sustained as president.

Between 1871 and 1876 the Relief Society was reorganized with Esther Dabbling as president, Sarah Alexander, first counselor and Elizabeth Alexander, secretary-treasurer. These officers served until November 30, 1876 when Mary McOlney was sustained as president with Sarah Alexander and Maggie Cunningham as counselors and Mary Jane McCarrell, secretary and Cynthia Wootton, treasurer. New counselors were sustained on January 8, 1878, and were Charlotte Gurney and Mary Gerber, Matilda Jacobs was secretary.

Another reorganization was effected on November 27, 1879 when Charlotte Gurney became president, with Mary Gerber and Margaret Watkins as counselors and Mary Bronson, secretary. Sustained as new counselors on November 25, 1880 were Cynthia Wootton and Mary Ann Watkins. Mary Bronson was released as secretary in January, 1883, and Emily A. Gerber was appointed, with Lucretia H. Coleman, assistant secretary. Others who served as secretary or assistant secretaries until the reorganization in 1895 were Ella Hamilton, Elizabeth Wintch, Mary A. Watkins, Elinor Watkins and Martha Bronson.

The next reorganization took place on June 13, 1895 when Mary Ann Watkins was sustained as president. Cynthia Wootton became first counselor and Mary Jane McCarrell second counselor. Elizabeth Wintch was secretary and Martha A. Bronson, assistant secretary.

Shortly after this reorganization the Relief Society sisters were asked by Church leaders to direct a wheat storage program. At first the wheat came in by donations. Then the Relief Society began a system of loaning wheat in the spring to people who needed it for seed, and then receiving the wheat back in the fall with one peck per bushel as interest. This increased the storage program and made large quantities of wheat available when it was badly needed by the government during World War I. Midway Ward joined with Relief Society groups throughout the Church in turning over wheat to the United States for emergency use.

When Midway Ward was divided in February, 1903 it was decided



that temporarily the Relief Society organization would remain together. This continued until October 15 when separate presidencies were appointed in the two wards. Sustained as the first presidency in the Midway First Ward were Cynthia J. Wootton, president; Mary Jane McCarrell, first counselor; Phebe A. Bonner, second counselor; Eliza Bonner, secretary; Maggie J. Wilson, assistant secretary and Jane Johnston, treasurer.

Presidents of the First Ward Relief Society and the dates of their appointment are as follows: Emily Coleman, November 9, 1913; Mary A. Johnson, 1926; Celeste Van Wagoner, December 23, 1934; Jennie Pyper Johnson, June 4, 1944; Lorna Van Wagoner, August 23, 1953; Thelma Hair, January 8, 1956; Ardel Pugh, June 1960.

In the Midway Second Ward, Elizabeth Wintch was sustained as the first Relief Society President. Counselors were Mary M. Huber and Martha A. Bronson. Elinor Watkins was secretary and Mary M. Probst was treasurer.

Other presidents in Midway Second Ward and the dates of their appointment include Martha A. Bronson, 1909; Elizabeth R. Huntington, November 10, 1929; Ordena Orrock, October 1, 1935; Grace W. Sonderegger, September 13, 1936; Elizabeth Probst, August 27, 1944; Nettie S. Huber, September 4, 1949; Alice Galli Probst, September 7, 1958.

In addition to service and welfare work, the Relief Society members study lessons in theology, literature and sociology. They have regular work meetings and also enjoy music through a Singing Mothers' Chorus. They also have a monthly visiting program and in both Midway wards have been known for 100 per cent contact with their members each month.

#### MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The first organization of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn. in the Midway Ward took place about 1880. Adam Empey was called as the first superintendent, with David L. Van Wagoner and Attewall Wootton Jr. as counselors and Henry T. Coleman, secretary. They served until about 1893 when Isaac Jacobs was sustained as superintendent. Others who served as superintendents until the ward division were J. O. Probst; Attewall Wootton Jr., sustained January 12, 1896; Gottlieb Buhler, June 19, 1898; J. U. Probst, October 1, 1899 and George A. Huntington, January 3, 1902.

The first YMMIA Superintendency in the Midway First Ward was sustained May 24, 1903, with C. W. Smith as superintendent. Counselor was John Van Wagoner Jr., with Charles Bonner and later David F. Van Wagoner as secretaries and Clark Bronson, treasurer. Superintendents since that time have been Attewall Wootton Jr., October 22, 1905; John Van Wagoner Jr., August 19, 1906; John H. Buhler, November 16, 1913; William W. Wilson, December 28, 1913; George J. Wilson,

October 11, 1914; George T. Watkins, September 19, 1915; James Sorenson, November 25, 1917; William L. Van Wagoner, October 12, 1919; Leo Van Wagoner, June 10, 1923; Albert Van Wagoner, October 28, 1923; Albert Van Wagoner, November 30, 1924; William O. Provost, December 19, 1926; William C. Crook, November 25, 1928; Fred O. Haueter, December 22, 1929; Keith Coleman, 1934; Ernest Kuhni, March 8, 1936; Reuben O. Casper, December 6, 1936; Lavon Hair, September 12, 1939; Sylvan Burgi, 1940; Grant Remund, 1941; Clyde Pyper, March 19, 1944; Clark Bronson, February 5, 1945; John Joost, August 25, 1946; Ralph Cluff, August 31, 1947; Sylvan Burgi, November 23, 1947; Leland Ivers, August 29, 1948; Reed Bezzant, November 11, 1951; Leland Ivers, 1954; Max Johnson, July, 1955; Dennis Clegg, March 1958; Theo Daybell, November, 1958.

In the Midway Second Ward the first YMMIA Superintendency was sustained June 28, 1903. Fred Hasler was superintendent, with August C. Kohler and Royal Huffaker as counselors; Nephi Huber, secretary; and later Joseph E. Huber, secretary.

Subsequent superintendents and the date of their appointment are as follows: Joseph E. Huber, October, 1912; Parley Probst, 1921; Nephi Probst, 1922; Joseph E. Probst, 1925; Roy Huffaker, 1932; Elmer Kohler, December 10, 1933; Clifford Provost, October 1, 1935; Alvin Kohler, August 16, 1936; Owen Probst, September 3, 1939; Rulon Huntington, December 9, 1945; Grant Probst, June 27, 1948; LeRoy Huffaker, September 12, 1948; Austin D. Kelly, June 6, 1954; Wayne Probst, August 5, 1958.

These officers in the two Midway Wards, their counselors and co-workers have pushed ahead the MIA program and have implemented the challenge to provide spiritualized recreation to the young people of the wards.

The first organization of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Assn., later changed to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Assn., was in 1877 when Eliza R. Snow and Zina D. Young of the general board came to Midway and under the direction of Bishop David Van Wagenen chose Matilda Jacobs as the first president. Selected as counselors to her were Eliza Epperson and Martha A. Smith. Ella Gertrude Alexander was secretary, Elizabeth Coleman treasurer and Avis Bronson assistant secretary.

The second president, Elinor Watkins, was sustained on November 27, 1889. Other Midway Ward presidents were Rachel Holfeltz, January 8, 1891; Mary Watkins Schear, February 18, 1892.

After the ward division, Midway First Ward's presidency was organized on June 21, 1903. Ella Ross was sustained as president, with Ida Wootton and Annie Smith, counselors; Mary Bonner, secretary and Clara Bronson, treasurer. Other presidents have included Ida Wootton, December 31, 1916; Edith Van Wagoner, October 22, 1922; Alice Cole-

man, October, 1923; Nancy Haueter, August 24, 1931; Dorothy Kohler, May 30, 1937; Ruby Ross, 1941; Thelma Hair, September 12, 1941; Amber Laffer, 1942; Dora Draper, 1945; Marjorie Pyper, September, 1946; Bernice Bonner, January, 1947; Leah Wilson, 1948; Glenna Ivers, June 5, 1950; Norma Peterson, August 17, 1952; Vera Reed, June, 1954; Afton Schear, June 10, 1956; Bonnie Bezzant, June, 1960.

The Midway Second Ward YWMLA presidency was also organized on June 21, 1903, and included Avis Van Wagoner, president; Edith Bronson and Alice Kohler, counselors; Edna Wilson, secretary and Ida Huber, treasurer. The first reorganization took place on December 13, 1903 when Avis Van Wagoner moved to Provo. Nellie Smith became president. Other presidents in the ward have included Elinor Watkins, March 24, 1907; Lydia Springer, October, 1915; Hannah Wilson, December, 1916; Clara Huber, September, 1927; Naomi Burgener, September, 1928; Dorothy Holmes, August 9, 1936; Vay Allison, August 7, 1939; Thora Schear, September, 1946; Iona Huffaker, June 1950; Maude Derry, October, 1951; Vera Cluff, February, 1952; Jane Durtschi, August, 1954; Lona Kelly, August 5, 1958.

#### PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

Teaching children to worship is the special calling of the Primary Association, and Midway has been blessed with competent spiritual teachers to guide its children.

The first Primary was organized in Midway September 5, 1880 with Mary Jane Alder Abplanalp as president. Counselors were Cynthia Wootton and Rachel Holfeltz. Ellen O'Neil was secretary, and John A. Wootton, an 11-year-old boy, was chosen as treasurer. They held their first Primary meetings in a small one-room brick building.

Clara E. Provost was the second Primary president and was sustained on September 6, 1882. She was succeeded by Cordelia Wilson who was sustained on September 6, 1882. Sister Wilson remained as president until the ward was divided in 1903, a period of service extending over 21 years. In addition to her service in the Primary, she was also town nurse and midwife, helping bring some 500 babies into the world.

Primary organizations in the two wards were sustained on May 8, 1903. In Midway First Ward Elizabeth Ross was called as the first presidency. Her counselors were Eliza Hair and Mary Bronson, with Ellen Wilson as secretary and Ida Haueter as treasurer. Meetings were held once a week in the old school house that stood on the present post office site.

Subsequent presidents in the First Ward have been Emily Coleman, July, 1906; Maggie J. Wilson, 1908; Ida H. Bonner, June 27, 1915; Elfreda Remund, February 27, 1916; Celeste Van Wagoner, September 28, 1924 and then a month later released to move to Salt Lake City, returning to Midway a year later and being sustained again as president

on August 25, 1925. Serving in the meantime was Ella Watkins. Dora Hair, August 26, 1932; Lois Bonner, July 16, 1939; Winnie Van Wagoner, September, 1940; Naomi Davis, September 3, 1942; Ruth Buhler, November 6, 1944; Vera Reed, September 10, 1946; Maxine Probst, May 28, 1950; Lois Bonner, January 1, 1952; Leah Wilson, August 25, 1952; Naomi Davis, September, 1953; Chloe North, August 28, 1955; Lila Mae Johnson, June, 1960.

The first presidency in the Midway Second Ward Primary included Mary M. Probst, president; Burdine Huffaker and Lena Zenger, counselors; Myrtle Abplanalp, secretary; Isbell Wilson, assistant secretary and Iva Bunnell, librarian. Those who have served as president since that time are Ruth O'Neil, March 22, 1908; Leah Mathews, December 7, 1913; Grace W. Sonderegger, October 7, 1917; Ida Kohler, December 10, 1922; Emma Carroll, December 13, 1925; Melvina Cluff, September 18, 1926; Vivian Durtschi, November 8, 1931; Minnie Burgener, November 27, 1932; Elda Kohler, October 1, 1935; Rachel Street, September 13, 1936; Alice G. Probst, May 29, 1938; Reva Huffaker, September 1, 1940; Melba D. Probst, September 20, 1942; Beth Probst, March 28, 1943; Thora Schear, September, 1944; Marjoria Provost, August 4, 1946; Alice Probst, September 4, 1949; Lila Durtschi, June 3, 1951; Alberta Provost, September 12, 1954; Verna Huffaker, June 30, 1957.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Schools were among the first Church meetings held in the Midway area. Early meetings in the lower settlement were conducted by William Wood, while Ira Jacob directed Sunday Schools in the upper settlement. When the two settlements moved together John Huber directed services. Later George Dabbling directed meetings until early in 1873 when a more complete Sunday School organization was formed with William Wilson, superintendent, John O'Neil, assistant superintendent and George Wilson, treasurer.

On December 21, 1873 a full superintendency was organized, consisting of George Dabbling, superintendent, A. J. Alexander and George Bonner, assistant superintendents and Attewall Wootton, secretary-treasurer.

Other superintendents before the ward division were A. J. Alexander, July 29, 1877; Attewall Wootton, December 18, 1880; D. L. Van Wagoner, June 30, 1901.

With the division of the ward, a new superintendency for the Midway First Ward was sustained on March 9, 1903. John A. Wootton became the first superintendent, with Simon S. Epperson and Thomas A. Hair, assistants; Maggie Bonner, secretary and Minnie Johnston and Joseph F. Van Wagoner, assistant secretaries. Other superintendents in the First Ward area as follows: Charles E. Bronson, October 22, 1905; Robert B. Ross, May 10, 1908; James T. Pyper, February 21, 1909; Wil-



liam L. Van Wagoner, November 9, 1913; F. S. McQuarrie, September 12, 1920; Frederick Remund, September 4, 1921; Clark Bronson, May 5, 1923; Charles E. Buhler, December 12, 1926; Everice Floyd Bonner, January 7, 1934; Keith Coleman, December 15, 1935; Clarence H. Probst, February 16, 1936; Emery Buhler, March 12, 1944; Clyde Alder, June 23, 1946; Grant Remund, April 27, 1947; LeRoy Kohler, 1950; Emer Wilson, January 7, 1956; Irvin O. Bowden.

In the Midway Second Ward the Sunday School was organized on November 15, 1903 with David S. Van Wagoner as superintendent and George A. Huntington and John U. Probst, assistants, Mary Jane Abplanalp secretary and Clara Kohler, assistant secretary. The first reorganization took place on February 12, 1905 when Nephi Huber was sustained as superintendent. Other superintendents have been William Abplanalp, October 10, 1909; Orson P. Mathews, January 7, 1912; R. V. Huffaker, 1921; John N. Carroll, 1925; Henry Zenger, December 1, 1935; Ray Gertsch, July 28, 1940; Joseph E. Probst, December 2, 1945; Wayne Probst, October 19, 1952; Reed Gertsch, October, 1955; Kenneth Kohler, March 16, 1958.

Missionary activity has been a vital part of religious life in the Midway Wards. During a hundred years of ward organization some 150 missionaries have been called to serve full time missions, representing more than 300 years of voluntary service.

With a century of religious devotion as a foundation, members of the Midway Wards now look forward to increased activity and organization in the future as they continue to make the Golden Rule their mainstay of living.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

### *In the Sweat of Thy Face...*

Industriousness has been a vital part of the community spirit in Midway since the area was first settled. Through the years the people have worked together to build their community and to develop the trades and industries needed to sustain life.

The early settlers pooled their individual skills to build homes and make roads, to erect a fort for protection and to raise crops to keep them through long, hard winters. Later, as life became established, there were many community service industries that developed, such as grist mills, blacksmith shops, sawmills, creameries and others.

As treasures in the earth were discovered in the Midway area, a booming mining industry sprang up and flourished for some time. The advent of electricity gave rise to a new industry of electrical power generation, which in turn saw the growth of dam building on Provo River and other streams.

Commerce in Midway has included business houses such as grocery stores, meat markets, livery stables, department stores and hotels and boarding houses. Saloons and pool halls have also existed.

Following are accounts of the various industries and trades.

#### CARPENTERS

Men with skill to build with wood and nails and fashion furniture were badly needed in the early days of any community, and Midway was no exception. Fortunately, Midway had many who were skilled in the building trades, and they added much to the community.

Many of the first settlers that came into Midway were craftsmen who had been trained in carpentry in Europe or in the east. Many of them had helped erect the Nauvoo Temple and then had moved west with the Church under Brigham Young.

Homes, schools, churches and furniture were built by the hands of these craftsmen. Their skills also extended to tiny pieces of furniture for their little daughters at Christmas time, and to coffins in times of bereavement.

Such craftsmen as Moroni Blood worked on many coffins of native lumber, building them with patience and love. With his work-hardened hands Mr. Blood tacked lace around the edges of the box to lessen the harshness of death.

Included among Midway's carpenters are such men as Jeremiah